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QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PALEY MUSEUM IN JERUSALEM

REF: JERUSALEM 1180, STATE 173201

1. WILLIAM PALEY HAS ASKED SECRETARY IF AMBASSADOR TOON
COULD BE PRESENT AT AUGUST 1 CORNERSTONE CEREMONY FOR
JERUSALEM MUSEUM BUILDING BEING DONATED BY PALEY. JERUSA-
LEM REFTEL, AND JONES' TELECON, IDENTIFIED BUILDING AS
ADDITION TO ROCKEFELLER MUSEUM IN EAST JERUSALEM AND, AFTER
DISCUSSION WITH ASSTSECY ATHERTON, PALEY'S STAFF UNDER-
STANDS FULLY POLICY REASONS WHY AMBASSADOR'S PRESE
CE NOT
POSSIBLE.

2. HOWEVER, PALEY'S STAFF HAS ASKED THAT CONSUL GENERAL
ATTEND. THIS, TOO, GIVES US PROBLEMS BUT OF LESS SERIOUS
ORDER. CULTURAL NATURE OF EVENT, ITS AMERICAN CONNECTION,
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AND, PRESUMABLY, FACT THAT JERUSALEM MAYOR KOLLEK AND NOT

GOI OFFICIAL WOULD BE SENIOR ISRAELI OFFICIAL PRESENT, INCLINE US TOWARD AGREEING TO REQUEST. BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, TO LEARN IF KOLLEK WOULD INDEED BE SENIOR ISRAELI PRESENT. PRESENCE OF GOI CABINET MINISTER OR DEPUTY MINISTER PROBABLY WOULD RESULT IN KIND OF ADVERSE PUBLICITY AMONG WEST BANKERS WHICH WE WOULD WISH TO AVOID.

3. WE WOULD LIKE CONSUL GENERAL'S VIEWS. PALEY'S STAFF HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED OF OUR INCLINATION AND IS PREPARED FOR NEGATIVE REPLY. OCCURS TO US THAT THERE MIGHT BE A PLUS FOR CONSUL GENERAL IN HIS RELATIONS WITH KOLLEK TO APPEAR WITH HIM AT SUCH EVENT EARLY IN CONSUL GENERAL'S TENURE THERE.

4. WE WOULD LIKE TO REPLY TO PALEY JULY 28 IN VIEW AUGUST 1 DATE FOR CEREMONY.
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